

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Figure 5, the apparatus is composed of a lens unit 51 focusing and magnifying ~~an image~~ an image, a charge coupled device (CCD) 52 sensing the intensity of radiation composing the image entered through the lens unit 51 and outputting an analog signal, a A/D ~~(analog to dasis of the determinatt~~ converting unit 53 converting the analog signal outputted from the CCD 52 into digital image data, a region dividing unit 54 dividing the digital image data into a certain number of cell regions, an illumination detection unit 55 detecting the illumination of the divided regions and a microcomputer 56 controlling the lens unit and switching the photographing mode of the camera into the daytime or nighttime mode on the basis of the detected illumination and previously stored standard illumination value. The operation of the apparatus which switches the photographing mode of the camera in accordance with the present invention will be explained with reference to Figures 6 and 7.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The illumination detection unit 55 detects the brightness illumination value of each of the cell regions divided by the region-dividing unit 54, at step S62.